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Endoluminal Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux  
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Responsive to the final Office action dated January 5, 2005, the following remarks are made:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.